

## **Abstract**

### **The creation and termination of membership in a co-operative**

The purpose of this paper is to describe the creation and termination of membership in a co-operative. The reason I chose this topic is that I worked in a co-operative organization and I have large practical experience.

The thesis consists of Introduction, five main chapters and Conclusion. The first Chapter describes the history of co-operative movement and history of co-operative legislation. The first Chapter is subdivided into three parts - founding co-operative movement, the history of co-operative movement during Austria-Hungary Empire and during the First Czechoslovak Republic and the history of co-operative movement after 1948.

The Chapter two defines a co-operative and explains co-operative principles.

The Chapter three is the main part of thesis and it consist of five subchapters. The first subchapter analyzes contemporary co-operative legislation. The second subchapter is about membership in a co-operative and membership share. The third subchapter includes conditions of membership. The fourth subchapter describes the ways of creation of membership in a co-operative and the last subchapter explains the ways of termination of membership in a co-operative.

The Chapter four analyzes differences between the membership in universal co-operative organizations and the membership in building co-operative organizations. The chapter is subdivided into two parts; one describing joint membership of spouses in a co-operative and the other focusing on transmission of membership in a co-operative.

The last chapter provides analysis of the draft bill on co-operatives and compares it with the current legislation. This chapter is subdivided into two parts: creation of membership in a co-operative in the draft bill and termination of membership in a co-operative in the draft bill.

The aim of this thesis was to analyze the legislation of membership in a co-operative in all its aspects, to show all the problems of the current legislation and to propose solutions to these issues.

**Key words:** membership in a co-operative, creation, termination